

## CLAIMS

1 1. A universally rotatable pivotal integral luggage  
2 handle for use with a piece of luggage having a retractable  
3 handle frame, said handle comprising  
4 a grasping portion, said grasping portion comprising a  
5 hand contacting portion and a base portion, said base  
6 portion having a first leg, a second leg, and a center  
7 section, said center section having a sidewall and a bottom  
8 surface, said center section located between said first and  
9 second legs, said center section having a vertical channel  
10 exiting at least from said bottom surface, and  
11 a luggage attachment portion, said luggage attachment  
12 portion comprising an upper portion and a lower portion,  
13 said upper portion having a sidewall and a top surface,  
14 said luggage attachment portion having a vertical channel  
15 exiting at least from said top surface, said grasping  
16 portion and said luggage attachment portion connected by  
17 fastening means, said fastening means extending vertically  
18 through said respective channels in said center section and

19 said luggage attachment portion, said grasping portion and  
20 said luggage attachment portion being rotatably secured  
21 together, said lower portion comprising a pair of end  
22 portions with a second fastening means projecting  
23 horizontally outwardly from each of said end portions, said  
24 pair of second fastening means connected to the retractable  
25 handle frame.

1 2. The luggage handle according to claim 1 wherein said  
2 center section has a top surface, said vertical channel  
3 exiting from said center section top surface.

1 3. The luggage handle according to claim 1 wherein said  
2 luggage attachment portion has a bottom surface, said  
3 vertical channel exiting from said luggage attachment  
4 portion bottom surface.

1 4. The luggage handle according to claim 1 wherein said  
2 lower portion has a rounded side wall.

1 5. The luggage handle according to claim 1 wherein said  
2 second fastening means provides for pivotal connection of  
3 said luggage attachment portion to the handle frame.

1 6. The luggage handle according to claim 1 wherein said  
2 bottom surface of said center section is planar, and said  
3 top surface of said upper portion of said luggage  
4 attachment portion is planar, said bottom surface and said  
5 top surface being parallel to one another.

1 7. The luggage handle according to claim 6 wherein said  
2 bottom surface and said top surface are coextensive to one  
3 another.

1 8. The luggage handle according to claim 1 wherein said  
2 lower portion comprises a first leg and a second leg, with  
3 each second fastening means projecting horizontally  
4 outwardly from a respective leg.

1 9. The luggage handle according to claim 1 wherein each  
2 of said second fastening means are in the same horizontal  
3 plane.

1 10. The luggage handle according to claim 1 wherein said  
2 second fastening means are located above the bottom surface  
3 of said luggage attachment portion.

1 11. The luggage handle according to claim 1 wherein said  
2 vertical channel extends between and exits from said bottom  
3 surface and said top surface.

1 12. The luggage handle according to claim 1 wherein said  
2 pair of second fastening means is connected to and provides  
3 for the pivotal connection of said luggage attachment  
4 portion to the retractable handle frame.

1 13. The luggage handle according to claim 1 wherein said  
2 bottom surface of said grasping portion center section and  
3 said luggage attachment portion upper portion top surface  
4 are coextensive to one another.

1 14. A universally rotatable pivotal integral luggage  
2 handle for use with a piece of luggage having a retractable  
3 handle frame, said handle comprising  
4 a grasping portion, said grasping portion comprising a  
5 hand contacting portion and a base portion, said base  
6 portion having a first leg, a second leg, and a center  
7 section, said center section having a sidewall, a top  
8 surface, and a bottom surface, said center section located  
9 between said first and second legs, said center section  
10 having a vertical channel exiting from said bottom surface,  
11 and  
12 a luggage attachment portion, said luggage attachment  
13 portion comprising an upper portion and a lower portion,  
14 said upper portion having a sidewall and a top surface,  
15 said luggage attachment portion having a vertical channel  
16 exiting at least from said top surface, said grasping  
17 portion and said luggage attachment portion connected by  
18 fastening means, said fastening means extending vertically  
19 through said respective channels in said center section and  
20 said luggage attachment portion, said grasping portion and  
21 said luggage attachment portion being rotatably secured

22 together, said lower portion comprising a first leg and a  
23 second leg, each leg disposed in a generally horizontal  
24 plane and having a pair of end portions with a second  
25 fastening means projecting horizontally outwardly from each  
26 of said end portions, said pair of second fastening means  
27 connected to and providing for the pivotal connection of  
28 said luggage attachment portion to the retractable handle  
29 frame.

1 15. The luggage handle according to claim 14 wherein each  
2 of said second fastening means are in the same horizontal  
3 plane.

1 16. The luggage handle according to claim 14 wherein said  
2 second fastening means are located above the bottom surface  
3 of said luggage attachment portion.

1 17. A universally rotatable pivotal integral luggage  
2 handle for use with a piece of luggage having a retractable  
3 handle frame, said handle comprising

4        a grasping portion, said grasping portion comprising a  
5   hand contacting portion and a base portion, said base  
6   portion having a first leg, a second leg, and a center  
7   section, said center section having a sidewall, and a  
8   bottom surface, said center section located between said  
9   first and second legs, said center section having a bottom  
10   surface and a vertically disposed fastening means extending  
11   downwardly below said bottom surface, and  
12        a luggage attachment portion, said luggage attachment  
13   portion having a sidewall and a top surface, said luggage  
14   attachment portion having a recessed portion, said grasping  
15   portion and said luggage attachment portion being rotatably  
16   secured together by said fastening means and said recessed  
17   portion.

1   18.   The luggage handle according to claim 17 wherein said  
2   luggage attachment portion is secured to the retractable  
3   handle frame.

1 19. The luggage handle according to claim 17 wherein said  
2 fastening means is a ball joint, said ball joint being  
3 spaced a distance below said bottom surface.

1 20. The luggage handle according to claim 19 wherein said  
2 grasping portion includes a connector between said ball  
3 joint and said bottom surface.